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METHODS FOR ELIMINATING NUCLEIC  
ACID SEQUENCES FROM GENOME OF  
EUKARYOTIC ORGANISMS

**AMENDMENT OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PETITION FOR UNINTENTIONALLY  
DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Response** begin on page 3 of this paper.